

North Idaho Fire Chiefs' Association
Meeting Summary
June 15, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chief Merritt at 1011 hours at Selkirk Fire, Sandpoint, Id
In attendance were:

Chief Merritt, KCFR
Chief Brad Van Ert, NLFD
Chief Mitton, Northside Fire
Chief Dan Ryan, KCFR
Chief Stocking, Sandpoint/Selkirk
Chief Rohrwasser, South Boundary
Chief Smith, CCBFPD

Chief Gabriel, CDA
Bob Wathan, Hope
Chief Hopkins, Selkirk
Jeff Wilkins, SOFD
Chief Newton, Schweitzer Fire
Gus Jackson, Nbfd
Chief Simms, Hauser Lake Fire

Pledge

Approval of minutes:

- April & May minutes need approval. Motion to approve both by Chief Van Ert, second by Chief Ryan, motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

- Finished transferring funds from Paypal. A question on moneys for golf tourney. We will check March minutes to confirm.
- Motion to approve report by Chief Ryan, second by Chief Rohrwasser, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- NISA certificate for one free with membership. Value approx. \$70. Retroactive to new recent members? Motion by Chief Rohrwasser, second by Chief Van Ert. Motion passed.
- Free membership for new and non-current members was stated in Chief Rohrwasser's membership letter.
- Simm's suggests if we state if they are unable to attend in person they can attend electronically. GO Meeting open to members. GoTo Meeting account can be used by members to conduct meetings. Just go through Chief Simms for coordination.

By-Laws:

- Sent out for approval. Motion for approval Chief Ryan, second by Chief Gabriel. Motion passed

Legislative Report:

- Chief Gabriel, reported on wildfire legislature. Trying to get Federal Legislature passed to treat wildfire like other large natural disasters due to the jump in the cost of fighting wildfires.
- Fire related funding dropped on the Federal level.
- Chief Stocking, Idaho Forest Group President, Mark Brickmeir, lobbying in DC to treat wildfire like other National Disasters.

- Chief Simms, will that slow down the funding? Chief Gabriel stated he assumes it will proceed as other National Disasters.

Old Business:

- Idaho State Resource Guide. Discussion.

New Business:

- Education at July's meeting is on FMAGs put on by State Official Jay Baker.
- Wayne Senter secured for Fall FODA, Saturday Nov. 4, 2017. Focused on Leadership at no cost for all ranks. He is only charging his travel. Save the Date Flyer to go out in the next couple days. In CDA for one day.

Roundtable:

Chief Newton has water violation in his district.

Chief Merritt, attending the NITraining Officers meeting yesterday. Looking at going Pro Board instead of FST. Chief Steele is working on a paper to present to the NIFC by August.

Chief Gabriel, goes down to talk with Mr. Ellis. He wants to discuss the movement to ProBoard with Dean to be clear and upfront.

Chief Stocking how does reciprocity work with ProBoard? Then everything we do would go through NIC? Chief Merritt verified. There has to be one ProBoard per state.

Chief Simms stated it would not preclude IFSAC. Two separate entities.

Chief Rohwasser, how does it work with instructors? Nothing other than getting evaluators locally.

Chief Rohwasser, IDL VFA grant? Letter sent that there is no funding at this time? Chief Simms speculates it is a fiscal year issue and they are putting off awards for FY18.

Chief Newton, anyone having problems with Instructor follow through issues? Chief Simms says it is more of the State getting their certification and payments out timely. Otherwise, it is not an issue with instructors.

Presentation: Public Safety Merging – Chief Stocking

Next Meeting: July 20, 2017 – 1000 East Side Fire District, Harrison, ID
Meeting adjourned.